

IMPROVEMENT OF ST. CROIX RIVER.

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MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,

ASKING

*An appropriation for the improvement of St. Croix river.*

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FEBRUARY 8, 1861.—Referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

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A MEMORIAL to Congress for an appropriation of money for improving the St. Croix river, from the head of Lake St. Croix to Taylor's falls.

*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:*

Your memorialists, the legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent: That the St. Croix river during the season of low water is so obstructed by rocks and sand-bars as to render the navigation difficult and hazardous; but that, by the appropriation and proper outlay of a small sum of money, the said river between the points designated could be rendered easily navigable during the entire season for the largest class steamboats used on the Upper Mississippi; and would open a thoroughfare of inland communication to a rich agricultural district now fast settling up, facilitate the transportation of the mails, and afford to the settlements embraced in the country tributary to the St. Croix (the exports of which alone, the past season, notwithstanding the obstruction from low water, reached the sum of half a million dollars) the speedy development of the various resources of that section of the country, abounding in lumber, agriculture and mineral wealth, besides affording facilities for reaching the trade and commerce of Lake Superior, and affording to the government a more speedy access to that region.

Your memorialists, therefore, ask that an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be made for the improvement of said river. And your memorialists will ever pray.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

*President of the Senate.*

JARED BENSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Approved January thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA,  
January 30, 1861.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

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J. H. BAKER,  
*Secretary of State.*